

IRC / PDC Update

EPA Region 7 Information Resource Center and Publication Distribution Center
The Update is prepared by GCI Information Services staff.

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Celebrate National Library Week!

April 11-17, 1999

First celebrated in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association. International Special Librarians Day, April 15, was first introduced in 1991 by the Special Libraries Association.

Some library facts from the American Library Association:

- Americans go to school, public and academic libraries three times as often as they go to the movies.
- Reference librarians in the nation's libraries answer more than seven million questions weekly. Standing single file, the line of questioners would stretch from Boston to San Francisco.
- A 1998 poll conducted by Gallup for the American Library Association found that nearly all respondents expect libraries to be needed in the future, despite the increased availability of information via computer.
- There are more public libraries than McDonald's -- a total of 15,994.



IRC Library Week Activities

Tuesday, April 13
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
SIRSI WebCat demo

Thursday, April 15
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
SIRSI WebCat demo

Or drop by the IRC to see what we have to offer!
IRC Hours for EPA Staff
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

IRC Goes ‘Beyond Dun & Bradstreet’

IRC Supervisory Librarian Sharyl McMillian-Nelson and Systems/Internet Librarian Robin Riat have conducted a number of workshops for EPA staff on sources of business information. In addition to Dun & Bradstreet reports, the IRC offers many other research tools, including business directories and databases.

For help with business research (or any other research question), call the IRC at ext. 7241.

If you’d like to schedule a Beyond Dun & Bradstreet workshop for your area, contact Sharyl McMillian-Nelson, Supervisory Librarian (GCI) at ext. 7358 or Alice Todd, DOPO, at ext. 7304.

How to Get a D&B Report

1. Call the Information Resource Center (IRC) at ext. 7241.
2. Tell us what information you need – Do you need a full D&B report? Just the financial information? Research on the company’s history? Basic background research?
3. Tell us how you’d like to receive the report and/or other information – Paper copy, phone, e-mail?



Focus on Service: Interlibrary Loan

If you need a book, article, EPA publication, or other document the IRC doesn’t have, you can borrow a copy through Interlibrary Loan.

The IRC can borrow material for you from other EPA, public, university, and research libraries throughout the country. All it takes is a phone call, e-mail, or visit to the IRC. Tell us what you’re looking for, and we’ll do the rest.

Members of the public can also borrow material from the IRC by using their local library’s Interlibrary Loan service. Citizens in the Kansas City area can also visit the IRC to check out material.



Leap Into Spring Lawn Care with Publications from the PDC



States Are Banning Yard Wastes from Landfills!
What's the Answer?
Region VII ARTD publication

Xeriscape Landscaping: Preventing Pollution and Using
Resources Efficiently
EPA 840-B-93-001

Environmental Fact Sheet: Yard Waste Composting
EPA 530-SW-91-009

Be A Grower, Not A Mower
EPA 520-F-96-018

Environmental Fact Sheet: Recycling Grass Clippings
EPA 530-F-92-012

Home Composting flyer

Worm Composting System
Missouri DNR flyer

5 Step Recipe for Good Compost
Kansas City Composters Project

Compost – New Applications For an Age-Old
Technology
EPA 530-F-97-047

PDC Says Farewell to Krista English

The GCI Information Services staff are sad to say farewell to Krista McCurry English, the Publications Distribution Center Information Technician. Krista began work in the PDC in March 1998, just after the move of the publications to the new location.

During the past year she has organized the collection in the PDC and the Cage Storage areas, participated in planning for the new building, created an inventory database for the collections and entered all the data, barcoded the titles in the collection, and written a procedures manual, among other projects. She is currently completing plans for the move to the new building.

Krista's last day will be April 30. We wish her well in her move to Virginia!

Candace Roller, Information Resource Center Information Aide, will step into the PDC Information Technician role on May 3. She looks forward to helping you with all your publication needs.

IRC / PDC Stats at a Glance

March 1999

316 visitors to the IRC and PDC

276 requests for information from:

177 EPA staff

59 Citizens

28 Companies

4 Government Agencies

8 Students and Teachers

1,526 catalog, database, and Internet searches

843 new journal issues, publications, books

3,004 publications distributed by the PDC

20 new publication titles added to the PDC

New Publications Available From the PDC

How to Make a
Freedom of Information Act Request
EPA 100-F-97-002

Your Responsibilities As
EPA Employees Under the
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
EPA 100-F-98-012



New Books and Publications in the IRC

Steyermark's Flora of Missouri
Revised Edition, 1999
QK170 .Y28 1999 V.1



Non-Refrigerated Liquid Chlorine Storage
TP245 .C5 N65 1998

Aquatic Ecosystems Protection:
Ecocriteria and Wetlands Research
QH541.5 .W3 N37 1998

Creating Web Pages for Dummies
QA76.76 .H94 S62 1998



Restoring Life in Running Waters:
Better Biological Monitoring
QH96.8 .B5 K37 1999